



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

Memorandum

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To: Fire Directors, Anne Heissenbuttel, NASF, Jim Smalley, NFPA

From: NWCG Chair

Subject: Refresher Fire Training Requirements

At the 85th NWCG Meeting, October 9, 2002, the members adopted language recommended by the Incident Operations Working Team to ensure inclusion of mandatory requirement language for fire safety refresher training in the Wildland and Prescribed Fire Qualification System Guide, PMS-310-1.

The language adopted follows:

Annual Fireline Safety Refresher Training is required for all personnel participating in fire suppression or prescribed fire activities who may be subject to assignments on the fireline. This applies to personnel subject to assignments on the fireline, for example, technical specialists, bus drivers, and ground support personnel delivery resources to the fireline. All others, without Safety Refresher Training, need to be accompanied by a qualified individual. It is required that safety training be focused on mandatory core content subjects and not on a minimum time frame standard.

Core content is listed at a website entitled *Annual Wildland Fire Safety Refresher Training* and can be reached through the National Interagency Fire Center homepage "Safety" link at www.nifc.gov.

Please provide this information to appropriate personnel within your organization for implementation during the 2003 fire season. Feel free to contact me if you have questions at 208/387-5697.